

Question on notice no. 6

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**Education and Employment Committee, Employment and Workplace Relations
Portfolio**

Senator Fatima Payman: asked the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations on 6 November 2024—

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Answer

Findings that a person has engaged in criminal behaviour can only be made by a court. The department understands that investigations into alleged criminal behaviour by construction industry participants are being conducted by law enforcement agencies, regulators and the Administrator of the Construction and General Division of the CFMEU.

It is a matter for the agencies conducting the investigations as to whether charges should be brought.